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RIVER TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any scheme to finance and make popular river tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such schemes; and

(c) the details of rivers identified in this regard, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) & (b) : Development of Tourism including river tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State/U.Ts Government concerned. However, Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance to specified tourism projects prioritized in consultation with the State/U.Ts Government. For promotion of river tourism financial assistance is given to the states for procurement of cruise vessels, boats catamaran, rice boats, Houseboats, Glass bottom boats, water sports equipment etc.

(c) : the river cruising on Mandovi and Zuari in Goa, Backwaters of Kerala, Hooghly River and Sunderabans, Allahabad to Varanasi in Ganges, Godavari and at various points in the Brahmaputra, as well as river rafting in Ganges, Teesta and in Brahmaputra are quite popular among tourists.